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Fall Session, 2003
Bill No. 1
By Senator Keith Gates

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Student Government Association of Northwestern State University:

1. Article VI, Section 2.1.2 of the SGA Bylaws shall be amended to state the following:

   "2.1.2 The Forum Committee shall plan and host forums as they deem necessary in which students may voice their opinions on and discuss major events or issues of the day."

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Senator at Large

Greg Comeaux,
SGA President

Dr. Dan Seymour,
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Fall Session, 2003
Bill No. 2
By Senator Keith Gates

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Student Government Association of Northwestern State University that four hundred dollars be set aside for the purpose of organizational grants.

Furthermore, no organization shall receive more than one hundred dollars in the form of an organizational grant.

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Senator at Large

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Greg Comeaux,
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour,
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Fall Session, 2003
Bill No. 3
By Senator Keith Gates

Resolved, That Article IV, Section 5.1 of the Student Government Association Bylaws be revised to state:

"5.1 The SGA Student Loan shall serve to aid those NSU students in need of financial assistance."

Resolved, That Article IV, Section 5.3.1 of the Student Government Association Bylaws be revised to state:

"5.3.1 Student loans may not exceed $75."

Resolved, That Article IV, Section 5.3.4 of the Student Government Association Bylaws be revised to state:

"5.3.4 Students must pay one dollar in addition to the total loan cost."

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J. Keith Gates
Senator at Large

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Greg Comeaux
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President – Academic Affairs

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Dr. Randall Webb
President - NSU

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Resolution FA-004
Sponsor: Ashlie Fisher
September 15, 2003

Whereas, the traffic and parking committee made up of students, faculty, and, staff has proposed to the student senate that the east-west traffic be blocked off on Sam Sibley Dr. from the area in front of the Creating and Performing Arts building, and the Student Union Turnaround, and

Whereas, there is a "traffic problem" on campus, and

Whereas, closing down this portion of campus will limit the amount of students or NSU employees moving their cars from one side of campus to the other, thus alleviating much of the "traffic problem."

Therefore let it be resolved that, the SGA senate give its full and unyielding support to the traffic and parking committee to proceed with this endeavor.

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Senator Ashlie Fisher

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Greg Comeaux, SGA President

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2003 Fall Session, Bill No. 5
September 15, 2003
By Senator Keith Gates

Resolved, That the Student Government Association allocate $326.00 for the SGA Homecoming Brunch to be held October 21, 2003 in the President's Room of the Sylvian Friedman Student Union.

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J. Keith Gates
Senator at Large

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Greg Comeaux
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President – Academic Affairs

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Bill FA03-008
Sponsor: Alan Sypert
Date: Sept. 26, 2003

Whereas, it is the duty of the of the Club Sports Chairman to review proposed allocations for monies brought to the SGA by club sports,

Whereas, the institution of a Club Sports Application would increase the involvement and communication of club sports with the SGA,

Whereas, there is currently no standard definition of what a club sport is,

Therefore let it be resolved that the Club Sports director create and issue a Club Sports Application to all the Recognized Student Organizations (RSO) that wish to be considered a Club Sport at the beginning of each semester.

Therefore let it be further resolved that these RSOs will be required to return the requested information by one week after the time the RSO certification packets are due in order for them to be considered for receiving funds from the SGA in that Semester.

Therefore let it be further resolved that the Club Sports Chairman and his committee will define what makes up a club sport and use that definition in deciding the status of applying RSOs

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Senator Alan Sypert
Senator at Large

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Greg Comeaux
SGA Presidnet

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Vice President of Student Affairs

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Bill FA03-009
Sponsor: Alan Sypert
Date: Sept. 26, 2003

Whereas, the duties of the treasurer have greatly diminished in the past due to the University monitoring all budgets on the school server making the current requirements for a person to run for treasurer in-pertinent, and

Whereas, in the present system the treasurer gets paid ½ of a full-time scholarship for doing very little work, and

Whereas, the secretary receives a student worker paycheck out of the Student Government Association's budget for 35 hours per month, and

Whereas, the office of Secretary and Treasurer could be handled by the same person,

Therefore let it be resolved that the SGA senate vote to rename the position of SGA treasurer by accepting the following constitutional/by-law changes:

Remove Article II, Section 2.1, Item 2.1.7 to no longer allow the SGA President to appoint an administrative assistant.
Amend all parts of the constitution and by-laws that mention the treasurer to read the "Secretary/Treasurer.

Therefore let it be further resolved that the By-laws Article IV, Section 6.0 be added to state:

6.0 Duties of the Secretary/Treasurer
6.1 The commissioner must prepare and present a copy of the expenditures and financial standing of the SGA to the Senate at the first and third meetings of each month during the Fall and Spring Semester.
6.2 To see to it that no misuse of funds has occurred through any of the departments or committees of the SGA.
6.3 To serve as chairman of the SGA Fiscal Committee.
6.4 To take the minutes at all Senate and Supreme Court meetings, make copies of bills and perform all other duties of a secretary.
6.5 To perform any other pertinent services not mentioned herein.

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Therefore let it be further resolved that, By-laws Article IV Section 1.0 be amended to state:

1.1.3 To approve any expenditures under $100
1.1.4 To perform any other pertinent services not mentioned herein.

Therefore let it be further resolved that the election code requirements for the treasurer in Article VIII Section 2.0 be amended to state:

2.1.2 Treasurer of the SGA must be a member of the Northwestern Sate University Student Body for one year, have completed 45 course hours, be serving his/her second consecutive semester in an elected SGA office, with at least one of those semesters being spent on the Fiscal Affairs Committee.

Therefore let it be even further resolved that, upon senate approval of this legislation that it be set along the proper channels so that this matter may be voted on in the Spring of 2004, and in the event of student approval this will not take affect until filings for the Spring 2005 semester.

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Senator Alan Sypert
Senator at Large

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Greg Comeaux
SGA Presidnet

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President of Student Affairs

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Bill FA03-12
Sponsors: Club Sports
Date: Oct. 6, 2003

Whereas, the budget allocated for club sports in the Student Government budget is there to support recognized student organizations that are considered to be club sports

Whereas, these funds are not made use of more than three to four times a year

Whereas, the NSU Flight Team has met and exceeded all the requirements to receive said funds from this budget by raising (or spending out of pocket) a total of $3,190.00 of the $4800 requested.

Therefore let it be resolved that the SGA allocate a total of $4800 to the NSU Flight Team to cover their expenses of lodging, travel, and competition.

Alan Sypert
Club Sports Chairman

Gregg Comeaux
SGA Presidnet

10/15/03
Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President Student Affairs

Dr. Randall Webb
NSU President

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Fall Semester, 2003
Bill No. 13
Sponsored by Department of Student Affairs

Whereas, the Sylvian Friedman Student Union is the center of activity for university students;

Whereas, the concrete leading up to the Friedman Student Union is broken and fragmented;

Whereas, wheelchairs and other wheeled objects must pass over this bad concrete; and

Whereas, this broken concrete benefits nobody; therefore, now be it

Resolved, that the University use any and all means at its disposal to repair the concrete in and around the north entrance to the Sylvian Friedman Student Union.

Resolved, that upon this bills passage and legislation, that the University complete this task quickly, yet efficiently.

J. Keith Gates Senator at Large	Gregory Comeaux, SGA President
Jack Halford Senator at Large	Dr. Dan Seymour Vice President of Student Affairs
Sara Burling Freshman Senator	Dr. Randall Webb NSU President

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Bill FA 03-014
Alan Sypert
October 7, 2003

Whereas, there is currently nothing in the SGA by-laws to discourage senators from leaving weekly senate meeting early

Whereas, this organization needs to be run in an orderly manner to ensure that its capabilities are fully met.

Whereas, we are an organization working to aide students and we must meet and retain quorum in order to do this

Therefore let it be resolved that Article XII Section 3.3 be revised to state

> 3.3 If any Senator misses, or attends but leaves before the meeting has officially adjourned, two SGA meetings in a semester without an approved excuse given to the Vice-President, he or she will be placed before the senate for removal from office.

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Alan Sypert
Senator at Large

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Greg Comeaux
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice-President of Student Affairs

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Resolution FA03-015
Senator McConnell
October 13, 2003

Resolved that Article VII, section 4.1 be amended to state:

Five committee members must be present at all meetings in order to satisfy quorum.

Senator Mindy McConnell

Greg Comeaux, SGA President

Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice-President of Student Affairs

Dr. Randall Webb
University President

Bill: FA03-020
Sponsor: Sen. Dustin G. Floyd
Date: October 27, 2003

Whereas, Northwestern State University is an institution of higher learning

Whereas, Watson Library is a place where students study and in the process generate trash

Whereas, there are not enough waste paper receptacles in Watson Library to dispose of trash quickly and efficiently

Therefore, let it be resolved that the University see to it that at least 15 more trash receptacles are purchased and placed throughout the library in convenient places in order that students can dispose of trash quickly

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Dustin G. Floyd
Senior Senator

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Greg Comeaux
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice Pres. of Student Affair

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Dr. Randy Webb
University President

Bill: FA03-021
Sponsor: Sen. Dustin G. Floyd
Date: October 27, 2003

Whereas, according to Article X Section 8 item 8.1 states that "The Editor, in conjunction with his or her student publication advisor, shall submit a proposed budget for approval to the Senate at the beginning of each semester when said budget will take effect."

Whereas, to the knowledge of this Senator the proposed budget has yet to be approved

Whereas, we are more than half way through the semester

Therefore, let it be resolved that the organizations that fall under the auspices of this provision produce a budget within one week of the passage of this legislation

Therefore, let it be further resolved that failure to produce said budget will result in reprimand

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Dustin G. Floyd
Senior Senator

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Greg Comeaux
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice Pres. of Student Affair

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University President

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Fall Semester, 2003
Bill No. 22
Sponsored by Senator Gates

Whereas, students are being unjustly issued traffic citations for both wrong zone and no parking zone;

Whereas, if a student is not parked in a zone, then he cannot be parked in the wrong zone; and

Whereas, the motto of Northwestern State University is "Where the Students Come First"; therefore, now be it

Resolved, that the Regulations for Parking of Vehicles, Section 17, of the Northwestern State University Campus Parking and Driving Regulations be amended as follows:

Wrong Zone – parking in a zone other than designated. A vehicle not parked in a zone shall not be considered to be parked in the wrong zone.

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J. Keith Gates
Senator at Large

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Gregory Comeaux,
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President of Student Affairs

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Dr. Randall Webb
NSU President

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Bill FA03-025
Sponsor: Jack Halford
November 10, 2003

Whereas, the University has provided 7 industrial- and 4 consumer-sized garbage cans for the residents of the main married student housing complex in which residents there can place their garbage for pick-up and

Whereas, the number of garbage cans provided to the main married student housing complex is inadequate to fulfill the needs of the complex and

Whereas, this is causing an overflow of garbage in and around the garbage pick-up area which in turn leads to unsanitary and unhealthy conditions for the residents there

Therefore, let it be resolved that the University purchase a minimum of 6 (six) new industrial sized garbage cans to alleviate this problem upon passage and signing of this bill by all appropriate persons.

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Senator Jack Halford

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Greg Comeux,
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President for Student Affairs

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Dr. Randall Webb
University President

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Bill FA03-26
Sponsor: Jack Halford
November 10, 2003

Whereas, the University maintains a fence between married student housing and the railroad tracks east of campus for the protection and safety of the residents there and

Whereas, a section of this fence has fallen, enabling open access to the married student housing complex through the gap and

Whereas, having this section of fence down reduces the effectiveness of safety and protection that the fence is supposed to provide,

Therefore, let it be resolved that the university have this downed section of fence repaired upon passage and signing of this bill by all appropriate persons.

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Senator Jack Halford

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Greg Comeux,
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President for Student Affairs

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Dr. Randall Webb
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Resolution # FA 03-27
Sponsor: Matt Burroughs,
Shantel Wempren,
Kelli Menard,
Jeff Bergeron
11/10/03

Whereas, handicap accessibility is a necessity on campus,

Whereas, Roy Hall lacks a proper handicap access ramp in its parking lot,

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Northwestern State University places a handicap access ramp near the handicap parking spot at Roy Hall.

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Matt Burroughs
Senator at Large

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Shantel Wempren
Freshman Senator

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Kelli Menard
Senator at Large

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Jeff Bergeron
Senator at Large

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Greg Comeaux
SGA President

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Bill FA03-34
Senator Alan Sypert
November 18, 2003

Whereas, the duties of the Treasurer have greatly diminished in the past several years due to the Universities policy on monitoring all budgets on the school server making the current requirements for a person to run for treasurer in-pertinent, and

Whereas, there is currently a requirement of completing two accounting classes with a grade of C or better in order for a person to run for the office of treasurer,

Whereas, there are no current course requirements for the position of President and Vice President in the role of leadership or administration classes,

Whereas, having been a member of the SGA and been active in the fiscal works of the SGA provides a stronger background for the position of treasurer than the completion of two accounting classes,

Therefore let it be resolved that Article VII section 2.1.2 of the SGA by-laws be amended to state:

2.1.2 Treasurer of the SGA must be a member of the Northwestern State University Student Body for at least one year, have completed 45 course hours, be serving a minimum of his/her second consecutive semester in an elected SGA office (Executive or Legislative), with at least one of those semesters being a member of the SGA Fiscal Committee.

Senator Alan Sypert
Senator at Large

Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President of Student Affairs

Greg Comeaux
SGA President

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University President

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Bill FA03-0305
November 20, 2003
Sponsors: Alan Sypert
Jerry Whorton

Whereas, Magale Recital Hall is an icon of this Universities standard of excellence,

Whereas, Magale holds about one hundred events every year including student performances, guest performances from some of the biggest names in music and speech, and other events including Freshman Connection where potential future students and their parents get their first look at the quality of Northwestern State University,

Whereas, over the past ten years the condition of the Hall has greatly deteriorated due to water damage from the air conditioning system, and the lighting system does not work properly,

Therefore let it be resolved that Northwestern State Universities Physical Plant with the financial backing of the University make the necessary repairs to the ceiling, walls, and the lighting system in Magale Recital Hall to return the Hall to its prestigious condition.

Senator Alan Sypert

Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President of Student Affairs

Senator Jerry Whorton

Dr. Randall Webb
University President

SGA President Greg Comeaux

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Bill FA03-03[illegible]
Sponsor: Matthew A. Bartley
Jack Halford
November 19, 2003

Whereas, the university is responsible for providing proper restroom facilities in all residence halls,

Whereas, the [illegible] restroom facilities in Bossier Hall are lacking of proper stall doors and are making use of shower curtains as a cheaper replacement,

Whereas, these shower curtains fail to provide proper privacy as needed by students,

Therefore, let it be resolved that the university install proper stall doors in all restrooms in Bossier Hall upon passage and signing of this bill by all appropriate persons.

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Senator Matthew A. Bartley

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Senator Jack Halford

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Greg Comeux,
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President for Student Affairs

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Dr. Randall Webb
University President

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Bill FA03-03[illegible]7
Sponsors: Senator Alan Sypert
Date: Nov. 20, 2003

Whereas, the current scholarship structure for the SGA is overly generous compared to the amount of work done by those members receiving scholarships,

Whereas, some of the funds being dedicated to these scholarships could be made better use of through other programs in the SGA,

Whereas, the current scholarship structure provides for a 19A meal plan to the President which at current cost $738.00 and is limited to Iberville dinning hall,

Therefore let it be resolved that Article IV Section 4 of the SGA By-Laws be amended to state:

4.1.1 The President of the SGA shall receive a SGA Presidential Scholarship. (A SGA Presidential Scholarship provides a stipend equivalent to the cost of the infirmary fee, rental of a dormitory room, registration fee, and any other fees charged at registration excluding those of a meal plan.)

Therefore let it be further resolved that the words "full-time scholarship" in Section 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 be changed to read "SGA Presidential Scholarship"

Alan Sypert
Senator-At-Large

Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President Student Affairs

Gregg Comeaux
SGA Presidnet

Dr. Randall Webb
NSU President

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Fall Semester, 2003
Bill No. 37
Sponsored by Senator McConnell
Senator Gates

Whereas, athletes are given special privileges concerning class registration;

Whereas, students who are not athletes should not be denied the right to obtain a seat in a needed class simply because he or she lacks athletic ability.

Whereas, the Faculty Senate has expressed that each student registering for classes at NSU should be treated equally;

Resolved, that the Senate of the Student Government Association hereby expresses its support of measures to remove the inequalities from the registration process.

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Mindy McConnell
Senator at Large

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J. Keith Gates
Senator at Large

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Gregory Comeaux,
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President of Student Affairs

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Dr. Randall Webb
NSU President

Fall Semester, 2003
Bill No. 39
Sponsored by Senator DeSoto, Faist, Howell, Fontenot

Whereas, Senators are now required to write two bills of legislation per semester in Article XI 3.2 of the student government handbook.

Whereas, this creates the problem of useless legislation most of which can be fixed with a phone call to the proper officials.

Whereas, this legislation is meant to involve Senators in the legislation process but some Senators talents do not lay in this area of the Senate and their talents can be used in other areas of the Senate to make this university better.

Therefore let be resolved that Article XI section 3.2 be amended by replacing the words "two bills" with "one bill"

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Craig DeSoto
Junior Senator

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Chris Faist
Senior Senator

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Josh Howell
Sophomore Senator

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John Eric Fontenot
Sophomore Senator

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FA03-40
Casey Marie Ponder
21 November 2003

Whereas the second floor walk way into the Student Union has become a safety issue and is in need of repair

Therefore let it be resolved that the university be responsible for fixing the entrance way in a timely manner.

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Casey Marie Ponder

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Greg Comeaux
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice-President of Student Affairs

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Dr. Randall Webb
University President

FA03-41
Casey Marie Ponder
21 November 2003

Whereas there are currently no bike racks located near Morrison nor Family and Consumer Science buildings

Whereas students have expressed a need for said racks

Therefore let it be resolved that the university be responsible for funding the bike racks and putting said racks in appropriate locations.

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Casey Marie Ponder

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Greg Comeaux
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice-President of Student Affairs

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Dr. Randall Webb
University President

Bill FA03-042
Sen. Zachary Pulliam
December 1, 2003

WHEREAS, noon on Mondays allows exactly seven hours before the actual meeting minus the time it will take to finalize and print out copies of the agenda and bills for the Senate meeting, and

WHEREAS, certain bills need more time to research and put through the proper channels so that time is not wasted in the Senate meetings on Monday on an ill-prepared bill, therefore, let it be

RESOLVED that Section 1.4 of Article XII – Senate Rules be changed to state:

1.4 All legislation must be turned into the Speaker of the Senate by noon on Friday prior to each Senate meeting.

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Zachary Pulliam
Speaker of the Senate

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Greg Comeaux
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice-President of Student Affairs

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Dr. Randall Webb
University President

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Bill SP03-003
Sponsors: Gregory Comeaux
Mindy McConnell
Date: January 21, 2003

Whereas, in the past certain discrepancies have arisen due to some of the content found in the Media Board by-laws located in Article X of the SGA By-laws, and

Whereas, while the SGA and *Current Sauce* have reached an agreement in the past to purchase ad space to print the minutes from the weeks meeting, Item 4.5 of the SGA constitution forcing editors to print this content still very much is found in the document, and

Whereas, it can be argued that Item 4.5 is unenforceable due to Article X, Section 9.0, Item 9.1 which states "no individual, except the editor of the publication [may] censor any [form of] student media, as long as each publication adheres to all federal laws that govern media, and

Whereas, Item 4.5 not only compromises, but also negates the meaning of Item 9.1 of the by-laws.

Therefore let it be resolved that, the student senate vote to remove Item 4.5 of the by-laws and revise Section 9.0 to state the following:

> Item 9.1 No organization or school election will ever be allowed to determine the content of any form of student media.
> Item 9.2 No individual, except the editor of the publication or General Manager of the radio station, shall be allowed to censor his or her publication, unless by means outlined in item 9.3.
> Item 9.3 In the event that a publication or broadcast violates local, state, or federal laws that govern such media, the proper advisor of said publication or broadcast will be allowed to interfere only in the capacity to remove any illegal content.

Therefore let it be resolved that upon senate approval this potential amendment be acted on in such a way that it will have the necessary signatures to be placed on the ballot for the Spring 2003 election.

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Senator Gregory Comeaux

Senator Mindy McConnell

Stacie Cosby
SGA President

Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice-President of
Student Affairs

Dr. Randall Webb
University President

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Spring Session, 2004
Senate Bill No. ____
By Senator Gates

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association:

The sum of One hundred and No/100 ($100.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary are hereby appropriated out of monies in the Student Government Association's Treasury to be used to pay the Louisiana Technical College, Natchitoches Campus, for creating and manufacturing official invitations for the Student Government Association Sponsored Mayoral Debate to be held on February 19, 2004.

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J. Keith Gates
Commissioner of Student Affairs

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Gregory A. Comeaux
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
NSU Vice President, Student Affairs

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Dr. Randall Webb
NSU President

Spring Semester, 2004
Legislation No. 003
Sponsored by Senator Gates

Therefore, be it

Ordered, by the Senate of the Student Government Association of Northwestern State University that the SGA Bylaws, Article XII – Senate Rules, be amended by adding:

> "1.5 The Speaker of the Senate shall refer each piece of legislation to all applicable departments before placing the legislation on the agenda."

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J. Keith Gates
Commissioner of Student Affairs

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Gregory A. Comeaux,
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President of Student Affairs

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Dr. Randall Webb
NSU President

Resolution Sp04-__
Sponsors: Jack Halford
Matthew Bartley
4 February 2004

Whereas, the University has a major traffic and parking problem on the Natchitoches Campus, which stems from poor organization in the way the parking lots are currently used and assigned,

Whereas, a solution to this problem has been needed for several months, but no solid plans have been advanced at this time,

Whereas, this resolution has been written to fill this void in policy and will serve to solve the traffic and parking problems that exist if enacted,

Therefore, let it be resolved that each parking area on campus be individually numbered as set forth by the attached list,

Therefore, let it be further resolved that the University acquire hangtags in accordance with the spaces available in each numbered lot, corresponding to the lot numbers and with the lot numbers designated on each hangtag,

Therefore, let it be further resolved that when acquiring hangtags during fee payment, each student will be assigned a hangtag corresponding with a lot assigned to their status. This lot will be the only lot that the student, faculty, or staff member will be able to park legally. Any student, faculty, or staff member not parking in their designed parking area will be subject to ticketing and fines by University Police.

Therefore, let it be further resolved that this resolution be acted upon in the first semester following passage and signing of this bill by all appropriate persons.

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Jack Halford
Senator-at-Large

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Matthew Bartley
Senator-at-Large

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Greg Comeaux
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President of Student Affairs

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Dr. Randall Webb
University President

Spring Semester, 2004
Legislation No. 05
Sponsored by Senator Gates

Whereas, traffic and parking continue to be issues of the utmost importance to the students of Northwestern State University;

Whereas, it is the opinion of the Student Government Association that most traffic and parking problems arise from enforcement; and

Whereas, the University Traffic and Parking Committee at its meeting on February 9, 2004, passed a resolution expressing its support of a pilot student officer program; therefore, now be it

Resolved, that the Student Government Association of Northwestern State University supports the establishment of a pilot student officer program for the purposes of issuing traffic and parking citations.

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J. Keith Gates
Commissioner of Student Affairs

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Gregory A. Comeaux,
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President of Student Affairs

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Dr. Randall Webb
NSU President

Spring Semester, 2004
Legislation No. 062
Sponsored by Senator DeSoto
Senator Gates

Ordered, by the Student Government Association of Northwestern State University

§ That Article VI – Student Affairs, of the Bylaws be amended by adding section

2.2 **Student Representation on the NSU Recreational Sports Committee shall be as follows:**

2.2.1 - SGA President
2.2.2 - SGA Commissioner of Student Affairs
2.2.3 – Any student appointed by the SGA Commissioner of Student Affairs, and approved by the SGA President and Senate.
2.2.4 – Any student appointed by the SGA Commissioner of Student Affairs, and approved by the SGA President and Senate.
2.2.5 – Any student appointed by the SGA Commissioner of Student Affairs, and approved by the SGA President and Senate.

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J. Keith Gates
Commissioner of Student Affairs

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Gregory A. Comeaux,
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President of Student Affairs

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Dr. Randall Webb

Bill #SP04-[illegible]
Sponsor: Alan Sypert
Matthew Bartley
Jack Halford

WHEREAS, the current guidelines concerning club sports are vague and need to be corrected,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that upon passage of this bill the new club sport handbook and application be added to the "Other Helpful Information" section of the SGA Handbook,

THEREFORE LET IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sections 3.1.1.2 through Sections 3.1.1.5 be removed from the SGA By-laws and add 3.1.1.2 to state

3.1.1.2 All matters concerning club sports should be referred to the club sports handbook found in "Other Helpful Information" section of the SGA Handbook

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Senator Alan Sypert

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Senator Matthew Bartley

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Senator Jack Halford

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Greg Comeaux
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice-President of Student Affairs

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Dr. Randall Webb
University President

Spring Semester, 2004
Legislation No. 07
Sponsored by Senator Gates

Whereas, certain instructors of this noble University have unnecessarily locked students out of classrooms;

Whereas, students who, through no fault of their own, have arrived 5 minutes late to class only to be denied entry.

Whereas, the students have paid or arranged to have paid all fees and are entitled to a proper education;

Whereas, a student cannot receive a proper education if locked out of the classroom;

Whereas, it is the purpose of the Student Government Association to "promote the welfare of the Students of Northwestern State University by communicating with the administration both their academic and extracurricular needs, serving as a liaison between the Student Body and Administration, and recommending any desirable change concerning any aspect of student life; and

Whereas, the motto of Northwestern State University is "Where the ***Students*** Come First"; therefore, now be it

Resolved, that the Student Government Association of Northwestern State University does hereby express its opposition to the practice of locking students out of ***their*** education.

Resolved, that the Student Government Association does hereby recommend that instructors only lock students out who are 10 minutes late to an exam.

Resolved, that the Student Government Association does hereby request that the faculty senate and administration review their policies concerning this practice and make changes accordingly.

J. Keith Gates
Commissioner of Student Affairs

Gregory A. Comeaux,
SGA President

Bill: SP04-[redacted]

Sponsor: Sen. Dustin G. Floyd
Sen. J. Keith Gates
Date: February 19, 2004

Whereas, there are a majority of women attending NSU,

Whereas, women depend on feminine hygiene products,

Whereas, feminine hygiene products are not readily available in the women's restrooms on campus,

Therefore let it be resolved that, the university see to it that working wall dispenser units be placed in at least one women's restroom per academic building.

Therefore, let it be further resolved that, the university see to it that the aforementioned dispensers remain stocked and functional thereafter.

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Hon. Dustin G. Floyd
Senior Senator

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Hon. J. Keith Gates
Senator-At-Large

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Greg P. Comeaux, Esquire
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice Pres. of Student Affair

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Dr. Randy Webb
University President

Bill: SP04-010
Sponsor: Sen. Dustin G. Floyd
Sen. J. Keith Gates
Date: February 19, 2004

Whereas, the SGA has several financial burdens each semester, which hinder action on behalf of the body

Whereas, it is fiscally irresponsible to spend more than half of the student's SGA budget on 3 individuals

Whereas, there are instances of Universities that attract stellar leaders, which perform as volunteers

Therefore let it be resolved that Article IV Section 4 of the bylaws of the Student Government Association be amended to state the following:

> 4.1.1 The SGA President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Speaker of the Senate shall all receive tuition wavers, provided by the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors.

Therefore let it be further resolved that items 4.1.2, 4.1.3, 4.1.4, 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4 be removed from the bylaws

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Hon. Dustin G. Floyd
Senior Senator

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Hon. J. Keith Gates
Senator-At-Large

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Greg P. Comeaux, Esquire
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice Pres. of Student Affair

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Dr. Randy Webb
University President

Bill: SP04-011
Sponsor: Sen. Dustin G. Floyd
Sen. J. Keith Gates
Date: February 19, 2004

Whereas, every student enrolled in classes at Northwestern State University deserves to have their voice heard

Whereas, the SGA Constitution, in it's current form, discriminates against part-time students by not making them "members of the organization"

Whereas, part-time students are an integral part of the student body

Therefore let it be resolved that this body add to the Spring 2004 ballot, the following proposed constitutional amendment:

> 1.3 All undergraduate and graduate students, as defined in the current catalog, enrolled at Northwestern State University shall be members of this organization.

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Hon. Dustin G. Floyd
Senior Senator

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Hon. J. Keith Gates
Senator-At-Large

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Greg P. Comeaux, Esquire
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
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Bill SP04-~~10~~ 12
Senator Mindy McConnell
February 26, 2004

Whereas, the duties of the Treasurer have greatly diminished in the past several years due to the Universities policy on monitoring all budgets on the school server; making the current requirements to run for the position of treasurer in-applicable to their duties, and

Whereas, there is currently a requirement of completing two accounting classes with a grade of C or better in order for a person to run for the office of treasurer,

Whereas, there are no current course requirements for the position of President and Vice President in the role of leadership or administration classes or class requirements for our speaker or our secretary,

Therefore let it be resolved that Article VII section 2.1.2 of the SGA by-laws be amended to state:

2.1.2 Treasurer of the SGA must be a member of the Northwestern State University Student Body for at least one year, have completed 45 course hours, be serving a minimum of his/her second consecutive semester in an elected SGA office (Executive or Legislative).

Senator Mindy McConnell

Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President of Student Affairs

Greg Comeaux
SGA President

Dr. Randall Webb
University President

Bill Sp04-013
Sponsors: Jack Halford
Jeff Bergeron
February 17, 2004

Whereas, potential small cosmetic problems may arise throughout the course of a semester,

Whereas, the SGA has the ability to recognize and enact legislation to correct these small cosmetic problems, or may in fact have ideas that would further improve campus life, but cannot fund the completion of the project,

Whereas, the SGA has the Student Trust Fund for larger projects, but no existing fund for any action to be taken on smaller projects, leaving these projects to the University to complete,

Whereas, the legislators of the State of Louisiana have deemed it necessary to underfund this university repeatedly throughout the years,

Whereas, the SGA has the ability to propose a Student Self-Assessed Fee (SSAF) increase,

Therefore, let it be resolved that the SGA propose a $3.00 SSAF to create a SGA Campus Improvement Fund which would serve to fund the minor improvements that the SGA deems important to the improvement of the student experience on campus.

Therefore, let it be further resolved that only ¾ of money in this fund can be spent per semester so that the fund can grow and mature to a point where interest can be used to provide further funding for this venture.

Therefore, let it be further resolved that this fund be used only for minor improvements to the campus experience and not for infrastructural use (i.e. roads, parking lots, school buildings, et al).

Therefore, let it be further resolved that upon passage this be placed for consideration on the ~~Spring~~ Fall 2004 ballot.

Jack Halford
Senator-at-Large

Jeff Bergeron
Senator-at-Large

Greg Comeaux
SGA President

Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President of Student Affairs

Bill Sp 04-016
Organizational Grants Committee:
Dustin Floyd, Keith Gates, Matt Bergeron, Jerry Whorton,
Kelli Menard, Kelli Miller, Mindy McConnell
March 8, 2004

Whereas, the Organizational Grants Committee met quorum and voted to on the distribution of the organizational grants money,

Whereas, $400 was passed at the first meeting of the spring semester,

Whereas the committee felt the Foundation's wireless Internet project and the ACS' chemistry community service project proposed by the recipients were worthwhile,

Therefore let it be resolved that $200 of the grant money be given to the Wesley Westminister Foundation and $200 of the grant money be given to the American Chemical Society Student Affiliate for their proposed projects.

Senators: Floyd, Gates, Whorton, Bergeron, Menard, Miller, McConnell

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Greg Comeaux
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice-President of Student Affairs

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Dr. Randall Webb
University President

Resolution: SP04-017
Sponsors: Robert Silvie II

Date: March 12, 2004

Whereas, the SGA Senators and SAB Representatives file for election in the Spring Semester, and

Whereas, filings typically end on a Thursday at 4:30pm, and

Whereas, Friday is a stressful day for those who have applied for election, and

Whereas, there is nothing else to do but wait by the phone for the Director and Assistant Director of Student Activities call and verify your election eligibility status.

Therefore let it be resolved that the Friday after filings have ended be reserved for SGA's "Meet Your Senator & Representative" Day.

Therefore let it further be resolved that Friday after filings be observed as "Meet & Greet Your SGA Senator/SAB Representative" Day.

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Senator Robert Silvie II

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Greg Comeaux
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President of Student Affairs

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Dr. Randy Webb
University President

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Spring Semester, 2004
Legislation No. 20
Sponsored by Senator Gates

Whereas, we're building a WRAC;

Whereas, we need some rules for it; and

Whereas, Student Affairs, Patrick Dubois, and Dr. Dan Seymour have all approved the following rules; therefore, now be it

Ordained, that the Student Government Association of Northwestern State University does hereby adopt the WRAC Center Policies and Procedures as outlined in the attached 10 page exhibit.

J. Keith Gates
Commissioner of Student Affairs

Gregory A. Comeaux,
SGA President

Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Randall Webb
NSU President

Resolution: SP04-0[redacted]21
Sponsors: Robert Silvie II
Keith Gates

Date: March 12, 2004

Whereas, the current daily maximum amount of paper a student can use in the computer lab is ten pages, and

Whereas, many students have more than one class that requires printouts, and

Whereas, several students are at a disadvantage in being prepared in class, and

Whereas, more than ~~ten~~ 20 pages of paper would be needed to print out course materials for class.

Therefore let it be resolved that the SGA recommend that Student Technology increase the amount of allotted paper towards the students.

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Senator Robert Silvie II

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Senator Keith Gates

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Greg Comeaux
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President of Student Affairs

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Dr. Randy Webb
University President

Bill SP04-~~[illegible]~~ 24
Senator Alan Sypert
Jerry Whorton
March 1, 2004

Whereas, the NSU Inline Hockey Club is a Recognized Student Organization and is in good standing with the University, and

Whereas, the Organizational Grants Committee decided that the project met the criteria but due to the amount of money they had to work with they could not fund it,

Whereas, both the club sports committee and the fiscal affairs departments have approved of this request,

Therefore let it be resolved that the NSU Inline Hockey Club have the amount of $300.00 allocated to their use from the Club Sports budget in order to fund their 2nd annual free lunch give away for students.

Alan Sypert
Club Sports Chairman

Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President of Student Affairs

Jerry Whorton
Senator

Greg Comeaux
SGA President

Dr. Randall Webb
University President

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Resolution: SP04-0[redacted]
Sponsors: Robert Silvie II
Dustin Floyd

Date: March 8, 2004

Whereas, the SGA has a new website, and

Whereas, there is space allotted to commend a "Senator of the Week", and

Whereas, the SGA has not awarded the status of "Senator of the Week" in many semesters, and

Whereas, the SGA has Senators deserving of that status.

Therefore let it be resolved that the SGA Commissioners recommend one Senator to the Executive Cabinet.

Therefore let it be further resolved that the SGA Executive Cabinet decide on one and only one Senator of the Week.

Therefore let it be further resolved that the President refers this decision to the Student Activities Webmaster or any student acting on his or her behalf.

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Senator Robert Silvie II

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Senator Dustin Floyd

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Greg Comeaux
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President of Student Affairs

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Dr. Randy Webb
University President

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Spring Semester, 2004
Legislation No. 27
Sponsored by Senator DeSoto

Whereas, dogs running loose on campus pose hazards to themselves, vehicles and pedestrians;

Whereas, dogs have been known to run loose at events such as intramural games and other on-campus activities;

Whereas, the City of Natchitoches has a "leash law"; and

Whereas, Northwestern State University is in the City of Natchitoches; therefore, now be it

Resolved, that NSU take proper steps to ensure that the leash law is complied with during NSU events.

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Craig DeSoto
Junior Senator

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Gregory A. Comeaux,
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President of Student Affairs

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Dr. Randall Webb
NSU President

Bill: SP04-20
Sponsors: Sen. J. Keith Gates
Sen. Dustin G. Floyd
Date: March 8, 2004

Whereas many students attending Northwestern State University are represented on the city council by Councilperson Sylvia Morrow

Whereas Councilperson Morrow is working for a better revitalized inclusive community through her "FABRIC" measures

Whereas Councilperson Morrow has worked tirelessly for safe and healthy citizenry

Whereas these are exciting times in district 3

Whereas Councilperson Morrow recently secured herself 4 more years serving the citizens of district 3

Therefore let it be resolved that the Student Government Association congratulate Councilperson Morrow on her victory

Therefore let it be resolved that the sponsors of this legislation present a copy of the work to Councilperson Morrow at an official meeting of the SGA

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Senator at Large
J. Keith Gates

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Senior Senator
Dustin G. Floyd

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Greg Comeaux
SGA President

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Dr. Randall Webb
University President

Resolution SP04-16
Sponsor: Senator Jack Halford
March 15, 2004

Whereas, the Northwestern State University's Lady Demons Basketball team is filled with talented and dedicated players,

Whereas, this talent and dedication enabled the Lady Demons to go 24-6 overall and 15-2 in the conference during the regular season, enabling them to when the SLC regular season title,

Whereas, the Lady Demons also won the SLC Tournament and received a bid to the NCAA as a 16th seed and will play Duke in the first round,

Therefore, let it be resolved that the SGA whole-heartedly congratulates the Lady Demons on their season accomplishments and wishes them good luck in the NCAA tournament.

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Senator Jack Halford

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Greg Comeaux
SGA President

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Resolution SP04-26 C1
Sponsor: Casey Marie Ponder
15 March 2004

Whereas, the Crew team asked for an organizational grant of $2800.00

Whereas, the money would cover the purchase of four (4) coxswain boxes and three (3) sets of boat slings

Whereas, Club Sports approved $2800.00 for the NSU Crew team

Therefore, let it be resolved that with the approval of the Fiscal committee, the Crew team be granted $2800.00 for the advancement of their equipment.

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Senator Casey Ponder

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Greg Comeaux
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour

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Dr. Randall Webb
University President

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Bill No. Sp04-30
Author: The Most Honorable Jeff Bergeron
The Most Honorable J. Keith Gates
Date: March 29, 2004

Whereas safety is a huge concern on the campus of Northwestern State University,

Whereas accidents will occur within the walls of the new WRAC building,

Whereas ice will be needed to help decrease the severity of these accidental injuries,

Whereas Northwestern State University is a place where students come first,

Whereas the cost will not exceed $2500,

Therefore let it be resolved that the SGA recommend to the Student Trust Fund Committee that the Student Trust Fund be used to purchase an ice machine for the WRAC center.

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The Most Honorable Jeff Bergeron
Senator at Large

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The Most Honorable J. Keith Gates
Senator at Large

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Greg Comeaux
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President of Student Affairs

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Dr. Randall Webb
University President

Bill SP04-31
Sponsors:
Senator Jerry Whorton
Senator Alan Sypert
Senator Jena Simon

Whereas, Northwestern State University has security problems on campus during holidays, and

Whereas, the students of Northwestern State University seek quick resolutions to the high crime rate on campus, and

Whereas, the trial period of Christmas 2003 was successful with the only entrance / exit to campus being that of Caspari Street.

Therefore let if be resolved that the Student Government Association recommend for all entrances and exits to Northwestern State University's campus be limited to that of Caspari Street during ALL holidays.

Let it be further resolved that all entrances and exits are opened during large events, such as sporting events etc.

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Senator Jerry Whorton

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Senator Alan Sypert

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Senator Jena Simon

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Greg Comeaux
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymore
Vice President of Student Affairs

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Dr. Randall Webb
University President

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Spring Semester, 2004
Legislation No. 36
Sponsored by Senator Gates

Whereas, the Student Government Association finds that the conduct described on pages 052 and 053 of the 2004 NSU Potpourri is both illegal and shameful;

Whereas, the Student Government Association finds that this conduct should not be encouraged by prominently displaying it in the distinguished yearbook of NSU;

Whereas, the Student Government Association finds that the above-mentioned article in the 2004 Potpourri will surely bring shame and degradation upon NSU ;

Whereas, the Student Government Association reminds itself that it has no power to "censor" campus media publications;

Whereas, the Student Government Association reminds itself and other interested parties that it does have the power to place before the students a referendum on the Potpourri's Student Self Assessed Fee;

Whereas, the Student Government Association finds that it should not allow such shameful articles as was presented in the said article to go unchallenged; and

Whereas, the Student Government Association is "the Voice of the Students" at Northwestern State University; therefore, now be it

Resolved, that the Student Government Association of Northwestern State University does hereby express its outrage over the article on pages 052 and 053 of the 2004 NSU Potpourri Yearbook and does condemn such ludicrous "journalism" and the wasteful use of good, hard working students' money.

J. Keith Gates
Commissioner of Student Affairs

Gregory A. Comeaux,
SGA President

Resolution SP04-0XX 37
Sponsors:
Patrick Feller
Abby Brocato
4/13/2004

✓ Whereas in the Spring 2004 election, many students felt they were unfairly pressured to vote because of campaigning done directly outside or inside the Student Union.

Whereas candidates should be voted on for their stance on the issues, instead of their ability to intercept people trying to eat lunch.

Whereas the SGA Election Code currently allows for campaigning fifty feet from the polling area.

Whereas Louisiana State Election Code, in comparison, requires that candidates campaign no closer than 500 feet from the polling area.

And whereas this is definitely a problem.

Therefore let it be resolved that Article VIII Section 3.1.1 of the SGA By-Laws be amended to state"

"There will be no campaigning inside of the building where polling takes place nor within a fifty foot radius of any entrance to that building. There will be no campaigning (i.e. any paraphernalia) displaying the name of sought position of a candidate in addition to any vocal campaigning within the aforementioned area."

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Senator Patrick Feller

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Senator Abby Brocato

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Greg Comeaux
SGA President

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Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice-President of Student Affairs

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Dr. Randall Webb
University President

Resolution SPO4-0XX 19
Sponsor: Patrick Feller
Sponsor: Kelli Menard
4/14/04

Whereas the SGA exists to serve the students,

Where it is important that the SGA consist of senators who are willing and capable of serving the students,

Whereas many senators obtain their position by appointment,

Whereas the SGA senators often do not have much information about the students they vote on for appointment,

Whereas there is no set procedure for appointment of senators,

Therefore let it be resolved that the bylaws be amended by adding Article XV- Senator Appointments.

Article XV- Senator Appointments

Section 1.0- Appointing

1.1 Only the President can appoint a member to the senate, which will be voted upon by the senate, which will be voted upon by the senate.

1.2 Newly appointed senators will be considered a senator at large.

Section 2.0 - Appointment Procedure

2.1 The senator appointment application must be filled out by any person seeking an appointment.

2.2 The SGA administrative assistance will be responsible for distributing copies of the application to each senators' folder before the meeting in which the applicant will be brought up for appointment.

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Senator Patrick Feller

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Senator Kelli Menard

Greg Comeaux
SGA president

Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice- President of Student Affairs

Dr. Randall Webb
University President

Resolution Sp04-43
Sponsors: Jack Halford
Jena Simon
Jeff Bergeron
19 April 2004

Whereas, the Intramural Fields across from the President's house are an important part of the activities that take place on this campus,

Whereas, it is important to keep these fields in good repair so that no injuries occur to persons that participate in activities on these fields,

Whereas, students and persons from the community drive their vehicles onto these fields, leaving damage in the form of torn up grass and ruts that present a very real danger to anyone using these fields for activities,

Therefore, let it be resolved that the University place a barricade around the Intramural fields similar to the barricade that it placed around the St. Denis Corral located across from the Wellness, Recreation, and Activities Center currently under construction.

Therefore, let it be further resolved that upon approval of this resolution, the Student Trust Fund Committee shall meet to allocate $3750 to purchase supplies for this project out of the Student Trust Fund.

Therefore, let it be further resolved that if any of these funds are not expended for these supplies, that those remaining funds be placed back into the Student Trust Fund.

Jack Halford
Senator-at-Large

Jena Simon
Senator-at-Large

Jeff Bergeron
Senator-at-Large

Greg Comeaux
SGA President

Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Randall Webb
University President

Bill Sp04-38
Sponsors: Jack Halford
Jeff Bergeron
April 12, 2004

Whereas, potential small cosmetic problems may arise throughout the course of a semester,

Whereas, the SGA has the ability to recognize and enact legislation to correct these small cosmetic problems, or may in fact have ideas that would further improve campus life, but cannot fund the completion of the project,

Whereas, the SGA has the Student Trust Fund for larger projects, but no existing fund for any action to be taken on smaller projects, leaving these projects to the University to complete,

Whereas, the legislators of the State of Louisiana have deemed it necessary to underfund this university repeatedly throughout the years,

Whereas, the SGA has the ability to propose a Student Self-Assessed Fee (SSAF) increase,

Therefore, let it be resolved that the SGA propose a $2.00 SSAF to create a SGA Campus Improvement Fund that would be collected during the Fall and Spring semesters from all full time students attending at the Natchitoches Campus and would serve to fund the minor improvements that the SGA deems important to the improvement of the student experience on campus.

Therefore, let it be further resolved that only ¾ of money collected for this fund each semester can be spent during that semester so that the fund can grow and mature to a point where interest can be used to provide further funding for this venture.

Therefore, let it be further resolved that a new committee be formed under Fiscal Affairs to oversee the appropriation of this new fee if it is approved by the student body. The by-laws to govern this committee will be written if the proposed fee is approved by the student body.

Therefore, let it be further resolved that this fund be used only for minor improvements to the campus experience and not for infrastructural use (i.e. roads, parking lots, school buildings, et al).

Therefore, let it be further resolved that once a project is approved by the SGA Senate

and the money is allotted for the project, the Senator(s) that initiated the project work with the Physical Plant to get the bids prepared for the material and any labor that the Physical Plant cannot perform itself.

Therefore, let it be further resolved that upon passage this be placed for consideration on the Fall 2004 ballot.

Jack Halford
Senator-at-Large

Jeff Bergeron
Senator-at-Large

Greg Comeaux
SGA President

Dr. Dan Seymour
Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Randall Webb
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Bill #SP04-39
Sponsor: Alan Sypert
Dustin Floyd
Keith Gates

Whereas, the Spring 2004 elections exposed numerous problems with our election code.

Therefore let it be resolved that, the following changes and additions be made to Article VIII dealing with the Election Code

Amend Section 1.3.1 One member of the legislative, or executive branch recommended by the Internal Affairs Commissioner, appointed by the President, and approved by the senate shall serve as Chairman of this Committee.

Amend Section 1.3.5 The President has the power to expand the Election Board if he/she deems necessary with 2/3rds approval of the Senate.

Remove 1.4.4

Amend Section 1.4.5 No members of the Judicial Board shall serve on the Election Board.

Add Section 2.1 The Pre-Election Period shall be defined as the period of time from the day filings open to the day filings close. The beginning of the Pre-Election Period shall also mark the deadline for any new referendums to be added to the ballot for that semesters election.

Renumber Section 2.0 appropriately.

Amend Section 2.1.1 President and Vice-President of the SGA must be a member of the Northwestern State University Student Body for one year, have completed 45 course hours, and be serving on a SGA elected office for at least two consecutive semesters. He or she must have been present for three-fourths of the meetings in those semesters. A member of Student Government is eligible to run for President or Vice President if he/she is serving their second consecutive semester in an elected SGA office and meets all other requirements. The President of the Student Government Association will not hold office for two consecutive terms. Presidential Candidates and Vice-Presidential Candidates must run on a ticket system. (will be 2.2.1)

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Spring Semester, 2004
Legislation No. 40
Sponsored by Senators Gates and Floyd

Whereas, Northwestern State University's main campus is located in the City of Natchitoches;

Whereas, in the 2004 Mayoral election for the City of Natchitoches, Wayne McCullen garnered 58% of the vote and was elected to another term as Mayor;

Whereas, Mayor McCullen actively campaigned on the NSU campus; and

Whereas, good things are happening in the City of Natchitoches; therefore, now be it

Resolved, that the Student Government Association does hereby congratulate Mayor Wayne McCullen on his recent re-election.

Resolved, that the Student Government Association does hereby thank Mayor McCullen for his dedication to the citizens of this community, especially those students of Northwestern State University residing here.

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Spring Semester, 2004
Legislation No. 41
Sponsored by Senator Gates

Whereas, Senior SGA Senator Dustin G. Floyd is a 5-time, 5-time, 5-time, 5-time, 5-time SGA Senator;

Whereas, Senator Floyd is the former Speaker of the Senate;

Whereas, Senator Floyd wears shoes, shirts with buttons, and believes in Jesus;

Whereas, Senator Floyd is a recipient of Senator of the Year Award; and

Whereas, Senator Floyd has brought more publicity to the SGA than any other senator; therefore, now be it

Ordained, that the SGA President's office (located in room 222 of the Sylvan Student Union) be renamed:
"The Dustin G. Floyd Presidential Leadership Office"

J. Keith Gates
Commissioner of Student Affairs

Gregory A. Comeaux,
SGA President

Resolution SP04-## 42
Sponsors:
Senator Brocato, Senator Miller, Senator Bergeron
Date:4/13/2004

Whereas, Gregory A. Comeaux is sexy, and

Whereas, he is God's gift to SGA Presidents, and

Whereas, he is much better than any SGA President (excluding W. David Gunn) in recent memory

Therefore now be resolved that the SGA Office be renamed the "Gregory A. Comeaux Student Government Association Office"

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Senator Abby Brocato

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Senator Kelli Miller

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Senator Jeff Bergeron

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Gregory Comeaux
SGA President

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postponed

Spring Semester, 2004
Legislation No 04-099
Sponsored by Senators Floyd, Halford, and Gates

Whereas, students have voiced their great displeasure that certain sections of the 2004 Potpourri are both and shameful and bring great degradation upon the image of the students of this great University;

Whereas, this conduct should not be encouraged by prominently displaying it in the distinguished yearbook of NSU;

Whereas, as Northwestern State University moves towards selective admissions and attempts to attract the highest possible quality of potential students, this "publication" hinders these efforts;

Whereas, this publication is fully funded by the students of this great University;

Whereas, many students have expressed to the sponsoring Senators that they no longer wish to fund this STUDENT publication;

Whereas, over the course of the last 2 semesters, many Senators have expressed both their willingness and desire to allow students to voice their opinions concerning student self assessed fees via a student referendum;

Whereas, the Potpourri brought forward a balance of $77,044.13 from fiscal year 03 to 04;

Whereas, the Student Government Association reminds itself that it has no power to "censor" campus media publications;

Whereas, the Student Government Association reminds itself that it does have the power to place before the students a referendum on the Potpourri's Student Self Assessed Fee;

Whereas, the Student Government Association feels that wastes should not be allowed;

Whereas, the motto of Northwestern State University is "Where the Students Come First"; and

Whereas, the Student Government Association is "the Voice of the Students" at Northwestern State University; therefore, now be it

Ordained, that added to the Fall 2004 ballot shall be a measure to renew the $20.00 student self assessed fee for the Potpourri;

Ordained, that the students be made aware, by wording on the ballot, that this measure will save them $20.00 per year in student self-assessed fees;

Ordained, that this measure not be looked at as censoring, but merely an effort to allow students to choose which fees they wish to pay.

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Bill # _____
Casey Marie Ponder
April 12, 2004

Whereas it is stated in Article VIII, section 1, number 1.1 of the bylaws that the purpose of the Election Board is to conduct all elections,

Whereas it also states in Article VIII, section 1, number 1.3.1 that one member of the legislative, executive or judicial branch recommended by internal, appointed by the President and approved by the senate shall serve as Chairman of this Committee,

Whereas it is also stated in Article VIII, section 1, number 1.3.4 of the bylaws that the Vice President will oversee all elections and will assist the Election Board Chairman,

Therefore let it be resolved that Article VIII, section 1, number 1.4.5 which states, "No more than two members of the Judicial Board will simultaneously serve on the election board." be amended to read, "No members of the Judicial Board shall serve on the election board."

Therefore let it be further be resolved that Article VIII, section 1, number 1.4.6 be added to state "No member of the executive branch shall serve on the election board."

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Senator Casey Marie Ponder

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